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QUOTE S E C R E T CAIRO 07539

E.O. 22652: GDS
TAGS: OCLR, US, EG
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) TRANSIT OF
- THE SUEZ CANAL

REF: (A) CAIRO 7257, (B) CAIRO 7166, (C) STATE 23171

1. GAMASY TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD THAT DAY SENT REPORT OF OUR PERTINENT CONVERSATION (REF B) TO FONMIN KAMEL WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT MFA, IN ITS ROLE OF INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATOR, CONVENE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CONCERNED GOE MINISTRIES TO DISCUSS REFERENCE SUBJECT. HE AGAIN ASSURED ME THAT WHEN MEETING TAKES PLACE, MINDEFENSE REP WILL BE INSTRUCTED SUPPORT PRINCIPLE OF FREE PASSAGE OF NPW'S PROVIDED
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ADEQUATE SAFETY ASSURANCES ARE GIVEN. I TOLD GAMASY THAT I HAD ALSO DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH KAMEL AND MINSTATE GHALI.

2. IN LIGHT GHALI'S POINT THAT ANY GOE DECISION TO ALLOW NPW TRANSIT OF SUEZ CANAL WILL HAVE TO APPLY TO ALL NATIONS HAVING NPW'S (PARA 5, REF A), AND HIS QUERY

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ABOUT SAFETY DESIGN AND OPERATION OF BRITISH, FRENCH AND SOVIET NPW'S (WHICH I WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO ANSWER), THOUGHT OCCURS TO ME THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD PROVIDE GOE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HOW WE HANDLE TRANSIT OF BRITISH, FRENCH OR SOVIET NPW'S THROUGH PANAMA CANAL. SPECIFICALLY, DO WE REQUIRE A UNILATERAL ASSURANCE SIMILAR TO OUR STANDARD STATEMENT TO COVER SAFETY ASPECT? IF SO, WHAT TYPE STATEMENTS DO THESE GOVERNMENTS PROVIDE? BELIEVE THAT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION PRIOR TO GOE INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS REFERENCE SUBJECT COULD HELP SHAPE GOE THINKING ON HOW THIS MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH RESPECT SUEZ CANAL.

3. I AM NOW SCHEDULED TO SEE DEPUTY PRIMIN AHMED SULTAN ON SATURDAY, AT WHICH TIME I WILL DISCUSS REFERENCE SUBJECT WITH HIM. EILTS UNQUOTE VANCE

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